[Sh. Hari Kewal Prasad]

Government that uniform rate for sugarcane should be announced for the entire country, prices should be paid immediately and unnecessary cuts should be stopped. Besides, black-marketing of these slips should be stopped and a survey on sugarcane should be conducted. The State Governments should be directed not to close down the sugar mills until crushing of entire crop of sugarcane is completed.

(vi) Need to conduct study on working conditions oif workers engaged in major lad industries in the working

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SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADAYA (Krishnagar): Mr. Deputy- Speaker, Sir, with your kind permission I would like to raise the following matter under Rule 377.

Lead poisioning is one of the dreadful diseases which causes lot of harm to the lead workers including paralysis of wrists or feet or even brain damage. A study was conducted by the expert teams of labour Department, Government of West Bengal the first of its kind in the country on occupational health status in relation to TLV of lead. It was done on 983 lead workers, both male and female, and on six major lead industries in West Bengal. The paper containing the findings of that study was presented in an International Symposium held at Bombay in January, 1991 which was highly appreciated by Indian and International scientists.

So, I request the Central Government to kindly prepare a status report on lead workers, working in major lead industries in the country, in terms of workers' occupation, health and anti-pollution measures taken by such industries.

(vii) Need to provide central funds to the government of Tamil Nadu for compensoting the loss accuring due to the following of prohibition policy

SHRI S.S.R. RAJENDRA KUMAR (Chengalpattur): Sir, the present Government in Tamil Nadu took over in June, 1991 with a revenue budget deficit of Rs. 1000 crores.

Following the Gandhian principle, the State Government of Tamil Nadu introduced prohibition as a first step and stopped the manufacture and sale of cheap liquor. In following this noble cause, the Government lost Rs. 340 crores in the revenue during the year. However, the families especially, the women folk of Tamil Nadu have been relieved of the drain in their poor families income by partial prohibition.

This deficit has affected the other development works in Tamil Nadu to continue. Welfare measures in Tamil Nadu should not suffer because of this loss die to prohibition policy.

The Government of India has made provisions of several crores of rupees in the various welfare measures to the society and the downtrodden. It is felt that the Union government should compensate the Tamil Nadu State for the losses incurred by introducing the partial prohibition.

I, therefore, urge on the Central Government to provide financial assistance to the State Government of Tamil Nadu for compensating the entire loss accrued due to the following of prohibition policy.

(viii) Need to provide adequate assistance to the government of Madhya Pradesh to cope with the drought situations

SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL (Jabalpur): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I wish to raise the following matter under Rule 377.

Madhya Pradesh faces a grim drought situation. At least five persons have died of starvation in the tribal areas of Sarguja. Many more are on the verge of starvation deaths as revealed by a team of leaders which recently visited these areas.

The drought situation in Jabalpur district, especially its rural areas, is extremely